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TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF TEXTILES
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have established cooperation with Australia to promote trade on natural fibres, textiles and wool; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal mooted in this regard for 2002-2003 financial year.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) An India Australia Joint Business Group on Natural Fibres and Textiles has been established in February, 2000.

(b) The Joint Business Group has considered and agreed that there is need to enhance bilateral cooperation in areas concerning education and training, product development, market access, research and development by taking up the following initiatives: -

i) Absorptive Capacity Study on the requirement of trained personnel in the Indian Woolen Industry;

ii) Curriculum Review of training institutes in order to enhance the wool content to meet the requirements of the Indian Woolen industry;

iii) Collaboration between RMIT(Australia) and NIFT(India) in the area of fashion, design and marketing;

iv) R&D in the area of blending of natural fibre - cotton, wool, jute and pashmina/cashmere and silk; and

v) A Study on the Demand & Supply Chain of raw wool from Australia.